

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 (cancelled)

3. (New) A disk recording-and-reproducing device comprising:
a box-like casing;
a lid pivotally hinged to said box-like casing for opening and closing said box-like casing;
a disk holder fixed to a rear side of said lid; and
a lever rotatably fixed to said rear side of said lid at a bottom of said disk holder, said lever being constructed and arranged to be oriented parallel to said rear side of said lid when said box-like casing is not closed by said lid,

wherein said box-like casing has a projection having an inclined top surface descending toward a free end, said projection being in a confronting relationship with a lower end of said lever such that said lower end of said lever is forced by said inclined top surface so as to cause said lower end of said lever to slide on said inclined surface just before said lid completely closes said box-like casing upon being pivoted, whereby said lever rotates away from a lower end of said disk holder.

4. (New) The disk recording-and-reproducing device according to claim 3, wherein said lever is constructed and arranged to be oriented parallel to said rear side of said lid, when said box-like casing is not closed by said lid, via a resilient member fixed to a lower end of said lever.

5. (New) The disk recording-and-reproducing device according to claim 4, wherein said resilient member comprises a rubber boss.

6. (New) The disk recording-and-reproducing device according to claim 5, wherein said lever comprises an L-shaped piece having an upper flat shelf for supporting a disk when inserted into said disk holder.

7. (New) The disk recording-and-reproducing device according to claim 4, wherein said lever comprises an L-shaped piece having an upper flat shelf for supporting a disk when inserted into said disk holder.

8. (New) The disk recording-and-reproducing device according to claim 3, wherein said lever comprises an L-shaped piece having an upper flat shelf for supporting a disk when inserted into said disk holder.